

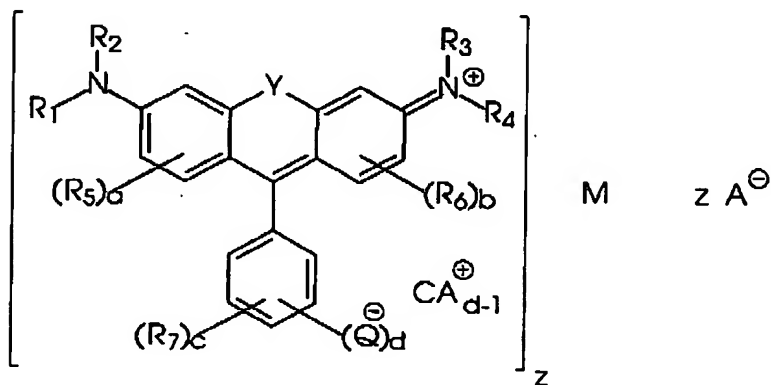
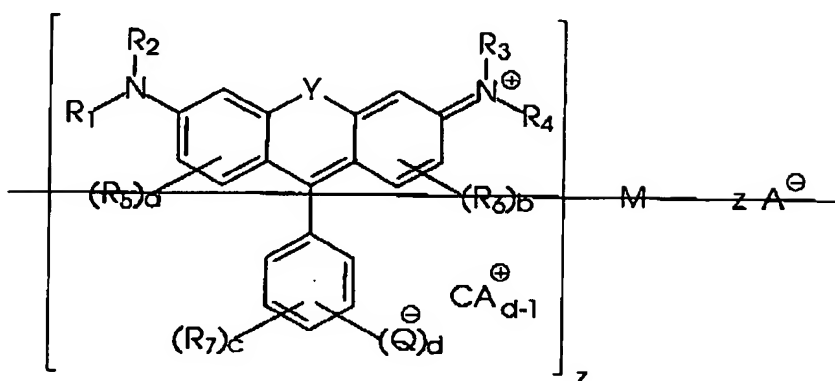
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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

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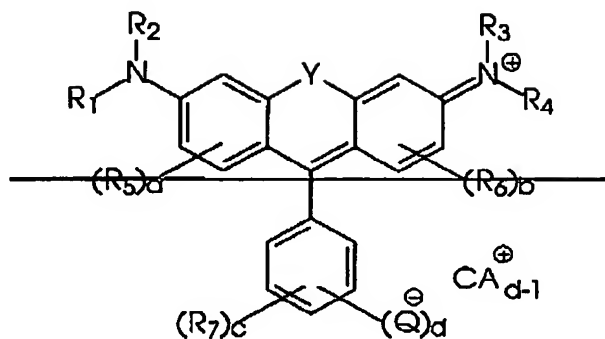
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Compounds of the formula



wherein M is either (1) a metal ion having a positive charge of $+y$ or $+p$
 wherein y or p is an integer which is at least 2, said metal ion being
 capable of forming a compound with at least two

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chromogen moieties, or (2) a metal-containing moiety capable of forming a compound with at least two chromogen moieties, z is an integer representing the number of chromogen moieties associated with the metal and is at least 2, and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , a, b, c, d, Y, Q, A, and CA are as defined herein.